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DRAFT OF A NEW IMPORT PROCEDURE FOR INTRA-GERMAN AND FOREIGN TRADE ( 4 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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This 4-page typewritten document, a draft of a new import procedure for intra-German and foreign trade, furnishes the following information:

## 1. Purchasing procedures

- a) The import orders furnish the specifications for the annual import order plans.
- b) The import orders together with the import quotas are transmitted by the DIA (Intra-German and Foreign Trade Agency) units to the DHZ's (German Trade Centers) for further specifications of the items.
- c) The DIA units are responsible for the imports.
- d) Direct delivery from foreign plants is preferable. If many small orders are consolidated into a large order the goods are delivered to the DHZ's and distributed by them to the enterprises which placed the orders.

## 2. Import contracts and procedures for foreign trade transactions

- a) Purchasing: After the conclusion of an import contract the DHZ receives pertinent excerpts from it and has the authority to receive the goods. Changes of, supplements to, and cancellations of contracts must be executed in the form of contract corrections. The DIA units and the DHZ must conclude overall agreements which determine shipping and purchasing conditions and set penalties for late delivery or late acceptance.
- b) After acceptance by the DIA the merchandise imported is transferred from the DIA to the DHZ at the borderpoint and, from there, it is forwarded or distributed by the DHZ.

## 3. Purchase contracts and procedures for intra-German trade transactions

Similar to 2 above.

## 4. Reporting procedures for imports from foreign countries.

## 5. Reporting procedures for imports from intra-German trade

## 6. Payment for imports

~~a) DM prices; b) DM invoices~~

## 7. Settlement of imports within the GDR

- a) DM prices; b) DM invoices

## 8. Settlement in intra-German trade (similar to 6 and 7 above)

## 9. Penalties for violation of these [draft] regulations.

## 10. Concluding regulations

- a) The new regulations are applicable starting 1952 (for new business)
- b) Import transactions for which documents were submitted or approved prior to the effective date of these regulations, as far as they apply to the plan year 1951, (old business) may be settled according to the old regulations.
- c) This procedure does not apply to imports outside the foreign trade plan (shipment of samples, presents, etc.).

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